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Applicants cancel claims 5 and 16. Claims 15, 17, and 19 have previously been canceled. Claims 1-4, 6-14, and 18 remain pending in the application. Applicants amend claims 1 and 18 to incorporate the features of canceled claim 5. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner objected to claim 16 for an apparent informality. Applicants cancel claim 16.

Claim 18 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,038,445 to Alperovich et al.; and claims 1-14 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Alperovich et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,480,715 to Pentikäinen. Applicants amend base claims 1 and 18 to incorporate the features of canceled claim 5, and respectfully traverse the rejections.

The Examiner cited and relied upon col. 4, lines 5-10 of Alperovich et al. for alleged disclosure of the features recited in canceled claim 5. The cited portions of Alperovich et al. only include, however, suggestion of a call setup signal for a mobile terminal 60 being rerouted when the mobile terminal 60 is roaming. The roaming number of the mobile terminal 60 is transmitted between the GMSC, MSC, and HLR in the rerouting, and the roaming number is only information on the mobile terminal 60 itself.

As such, Alperovich et al., as cited and relied upon by the Examiner, fail to disclose,

“[a] home agent located in an administrative domain to which a user terminal belong, comprising:

peer terminal interface means for interfacing with a peer terminal communicating with the user terminal;

tunneling control means for maintaining the location of the user terminal that is visiting a foreign network, and tunneling packets for delivery to the user terminal; and

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service profile updating means for updating a service profile variably specifying services that the user terminal requires depending on control conditions, wherein said home agent performs route optimization when a packet from the peer terminal is intercepted and tunneled to the user terminal, keeps a record about the peer terminal that has been subjected to the route optimization, and refers to the record to identify the peer terminal when a service profile change request is received from a home server," as recited in claim 18. (Emphasis added)

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 18 is patentable over Alperovich et al. for at least the foregoing reasons.

Claim 1 incorporates features that correspond to those of claim 18 recited above. And the Examiner conceded that Pentikäinen was relied upon only as a combining reference that allegedly suggests the feature of forwarding a service profile to both a home agent and a foreign agent. As such, the addition of Pentikäinen would still have failed to cure the above-described deficiencies of Alperovich et al. even assuming, arguendo, that such an addition would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the claimed invention was made. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1, together with claims 2-4 and 6-14 dependent therefrom, is patentable over Alperovich et al. and Pentikäinen, separately and in combination, for at least the foregoing reasons.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

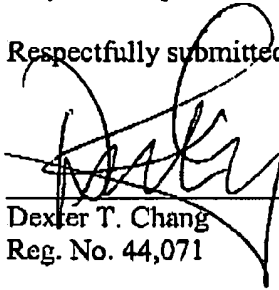
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